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Summary Information

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Historical Note

The Dunes National Park Association (DNPA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

The Dunes National Park Association takes its name as homage to the National Dunes Park Association, the original organization formed in Chicago in 1917 to advocate for a national park on Indiana's coast.

Dunes National Park Association. "About". <http://www.dunesnationalpark.org/about-dnpa>. Accessed July 12, 2016.

Historical Note

Indiana Dunes consists of 2,182 acres of primitive, beautiful, historic and unique Hoosier landscape. It lies at the north end of State Road 49 in Porter County, and includes more than three miles of beautiful beach along Lake Michigan's southern shore. In the early 1900s scientists, recreationists and nature enthusiasts, recognizing the value and potential of the Indiana dunes area, fought to have the region preserved. As a result, in 1925, the state park was established.

Large sand dunes, located beyond the entire shoreline, have taken thousands of years to form, and tower nearly 200 feet above Lake Michigan. A wide range of habitats and plant species are found in the park, with vegetation stabilizing some of the sand. These habitats provide homes for many types of plants and animals. The lake also provides habitat for many aquatic species, as well as a constantly changing fishery.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources. "Indiana Dunes State Park description". <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2980.htm>. Accessed July 12, 2016.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, notes, postcards, stamps, by-laws, committee meeting minutes, articles of association, and other documents from the National Dunes Park Association, specifically the Chicago Committee and Secretary Catherine A. Mitchell and Bess M. Sheehan in Lake and Porter counties, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois ranging from 1917 to 1929 regarding the activities of the committee in their efforts to create an Indiana Dunes State or National Park.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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- Indiana Dunes State Park (Ind.)

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- Conservationists
- Sand dunes